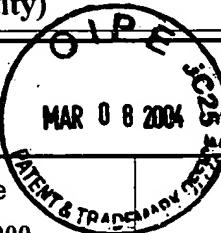


PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)
(Large Entity)

Docket No.
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In Re Application Of: Singhal, et al.



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The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

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from: February 05, 2004 until: March 05, 2004
Date *Date*

The fee for the extension of time is \$110 and is to be paid as follows:

- A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.
- The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No.
- If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No.

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